

St. Stephen Middle School

225 Carolina Avenue
St. Stephen, SC 29479

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	268 Students	
Principal	Brenda K. Fleming	843-567-3128
Superintendent	Dr. Rodney Thompson	843-899-8600
Board Chair	Dr. Kent Murray	843-819-3320

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Average
2013	Below Average	Average
2012	Average	Average
2011	Below Average	Average
2010	Average	Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

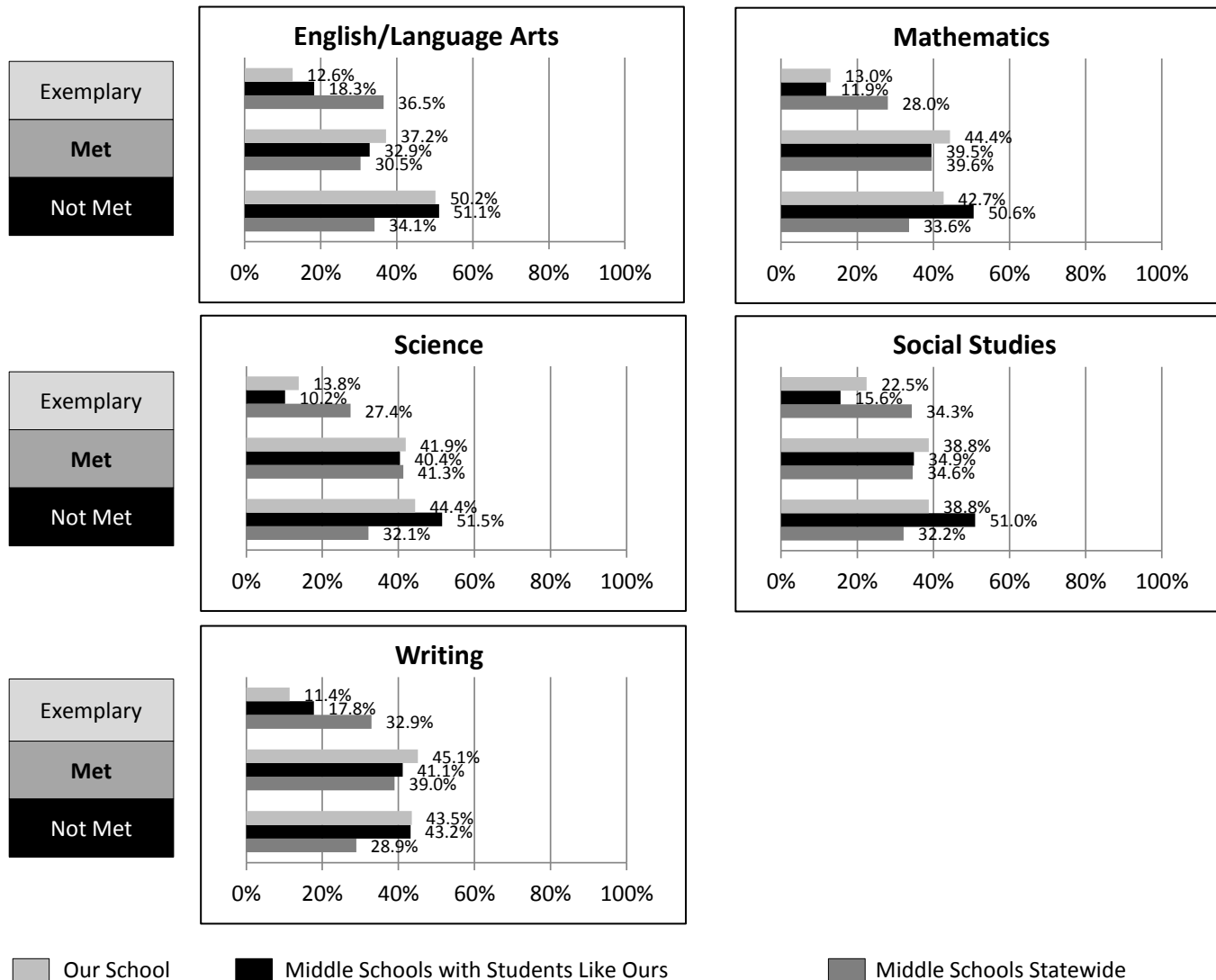
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

96.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	0	13	28	14

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)

* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 268)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	42.2%	Up from 32.8%	14.7%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.0%	Down from 2.4%	0.7%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.9%	Up from 96.2%	95.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.5%	Up from 10.8%	6.6%	19.4%
With disabilities	16.3%	Up from 14.5%	16.4%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	11.7%	Down from 12.4%	7.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5%	Down from 3.1%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 16)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 58.8%	60.0%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	56.3%	Up from 41.2%	60.0%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	75.0%	Up from 72.2%	76.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.7%	Up from 93.3%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,842	Down 0.1%	\$45,218	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	9.1 days	Down from 9.3 days	9.4 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	Up from 20.0 to 1	17.7 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Up from 88.9%	89.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	98.4%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,202	Up 4.1%	\$9,702	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.8%	Down from 57.0%	55.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.7%	Up from 54.0%	54.8%	61.3%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	94.3%
English 1	82.6%	84.9%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	89.2%	92.3%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

St. Stephen Middle is a small rural community school that sustains a climate of learning for every student. As committed stakeholders, the students, parents, teachers, staff, and community share a vision of academic excellence. Our school is a staple of the community and serves approximately 250 students in grades 6-8. Ninety-five percent of our students receive free or reduced lunch. SSM is accredited by AdvanceEd (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)).

As a Professional Learning Community, St. Stephen Middle is driven by a shared commitment to the district's mission, vision, values and goals which encompass an atmosphere of learning for all students and adults. This commitment is reflected in our weekly and monthly PLC meetings where teams share best practices, data, and interventions. Our efforts are supported through Making Middle Grades Work Framework (MMGW) and ongoing professional development. Our pledge to make SSM a place of success for all will continue as we move forward in our journey to becoming a high performing PLC.

St. Stephen Middle offers a rich and challenging curriculum that focuses on students achieving at high levels. The core curriculum includes instruction in language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, French and music. Compass Lab, TestPrep USA, and A+ Lab software programs help to provide additional practice and assessment opportunities for students. The implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) five years ago has shown to have a positive influence on academic achievement and behavior. Students have responded with increased awareness of the importance of being respectful and responsible for their actions. Extra-support systems for learning are provided during and after-school. This year SSM recognized academic excellence among five students, three Junior Scholars and two Duke Tip Scholars.

We are supported by several community and business partnerships which include Santee Cooper, BP, College of Charleston, Communities In Schools, IGA and local churches. The role of these partnerships is instrumental in supporting the academic goals of our school. St. Stephen Middle was awarded grants from BP, Bosch, Boeing and "Farm-to-School Project".

St. Stephen Middle School's goals and expectations for students and staff are articulated on an ongoing basis. Data and other relevant school information is shared throughout the school year with parents, students, staff and the community establishing a shared commitment to the district's mission, vision, goals and expectations.

Latoria Stevens, SIC Chairperson

Brenda K. Fleming, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	68	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	58.3%	92.6%	86.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	75.0%	92.9%	78.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	45.8%	91.5%	62.1%

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	47.7
Overall Grade Conversion	F

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

St. Stephen Middle School has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
X	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.7	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.1	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	9.7%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.9%	94.0%*	Yes
			State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)			61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials			0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 6-8							
All Students	599.5	612.7	610.0	620.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	592.4	613.4	614.0	620.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	606.8	612.0	605.6	619.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	597.0	609.8	607.2	615.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	561.1	582.6	578.6	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	598.8	611.8	607.9	619.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	91	610.4	100.0	91	617.3	100.0
	7	87	602.5	100.0	87	599.7	100.0
	8	71	605.8	100.0	71	603.6	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	46	599.1	97.8	45	617.4	100.0
	7	87	601.9	100.0	87	592.2	100.0
	8	36	611.6	97.2	35	625.0	97.1

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	87	602.5	100.0	87	618.5	100.0
	7	85	597.8	100.0	85	611.0	100.0
	8	79	597.9	100.0	79	608.4	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	44	599.5	100.0	43	645.7	100.0
	7	85	623.1	100.0	85	609.6	100.0
	8	41	593.3	100.0	38	614.7	100.0

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	0801029
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	645.3	643.4	625.6	644.4	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	640.9	644.0	627.0	646.0	99.7	99.9	100.0	N/A
Female	649.9	642.8	624.1	642.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	657.3	657.8	639.8	655.5	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	627.4	621.3	603.0	627.7	99.9	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	661.8	669.4	647.1	654.2	100.0	100.0	99.3	N/A
Hispanic	631.9	627.1	614.1	633.3	99.4	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	649.8	649.4	637.7	648.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	598.8	592.9	583.1	604.0	99.1	99.9	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	629.3	629.0	611.1	633.7	99.3	100.0	99.7	N/A
Subsidized Meals	633.0	628.5	611.7	631.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	628.9	630.7	636.5	642.0	99.7	99.6	99.8	N/A
Male	621.2	628.7	636.9	645.6	99.6	99.5	99.6	N/A
Female	636.4	632.7	636.1	638.4	99.8	99.7	99.9	N/A
White	640.8	641.8	650.9	653.3	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
African American	610.0	612.1	614.1	622.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	652.0	668.4	663.0	679.4	100.0	99.5	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	626.0	625.4	632.3	639.2	100.0	98.6	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	626.6	630.0	635.3	642.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	575.6	585.5	586.0	597.6	99.0	98.9	98.9	N/A
Limited English Proficient	621.1	628.5	630.9	640.9	100.0	98.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	615.3	618.3	622.5	628.5	99.8	99.6	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.1	221.4	82.2	76.0	99.5	99.5	100.0	80.3
Male	225.1	221.4	82.3	76.5	99.5	99.5	100.0	75.9
Female	233.6	221.4	82.2	75.4	99.5	99.5	100.0	85.4
White	233.4	227.2	86.1	78.4	99.3	99.3	100.0	81.7
African American	222.6	211.7	77.0	72.3	99.7	99.7	100.0	78.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	239.4	239.9	88.4	81.2	98.5	98.5	100.0	88.8
Hispanic	222.3	216.3	80.7	74.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	76.1
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	71.4
With Disabilities	209.4	199.6	71.3	67.0	98.6	98.0	100.0	41.7
Limited English Proficient	221.2	215.4	78.9	72.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	71.4
Subsidized Meals	223.8	215.5	79.4	72.9	99.4	99.4	100.0	75.8
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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